

Central Intelligence Agency



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The Honorable Barry M. Goldwater
Chairman, Senate Select Committee
on Intelligence
Senate Russell Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Attached is the requested impact statement on the Subcommittee's recommended cut of ☐ positions in the FY-84 budget request for the Directorate of Intelligence. Together with the detailed description of the specific analyst specialties we are seeking (provided to the Committee staff earlier) this document expands on the explanation in the budget submission on the role and importance of the requested positions.

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The United States has paid a heavy price in recent years for the inadequacy of intelligence resources to investigate problems of instability, international economic and finance problems and the Soviet defense industrial complex. Over the last two years this Agency, with the support of the Senate Select Committee, has been attempting to remedy these shortcomings both in terms of resources and improving the quality of our analysis. As the listing of positions provided to the Committee makes explicit, we are looking principally for military analysts, economists and computer specialists -- not people in the soft sciences. We consider it essential to keep our analysis of the problems I have described as down to earth and specific as possible. This not only ensures more accurate analysis, it also makes it more helpful to the decisionmaker.

The FY-84 Directorate of Intelligence budget submission was developed on the basis of our view of our resource needs both now and for the next several years, and was influenced considerably by the judgment of the Senate Select Committee itself, which last year assessed our analytical resources as inadequate and even added positions to our request for more analysts for the Directorate of Intelligence.

Mr. Casey and I strongly endorse the request for ☐ positions for the Directorate of Intelligence and earnestly hope that the Committee will support this request. CIA's entire program is keyed to our analytical needs which in turn are based on requirements assigned us by the President and other members of the National Security Council. We must have the analytical resources to evaluate and analyze the increasing amount of high quality

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information flowing in from our present and projected collection capabilities and to get this analysis into the hands of the decisionmaker.

Sincerely,


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Acting Director of Central Intelligence

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